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| Application Number | 09/514,770 |
| Filing Date | February 28, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Shinichi ITO |
| Group Art Unit | 2837 |
| Examiner Name | David S. Warren |
| Attorney Docket No. | 393032012500 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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For: ELECTRONIC MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
CONNECTED TO COMPUTER KEYBOARD

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004, for which a response was due on July 23, 2004, and for which a two-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from July 23, 2004, to September 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

SPECIFICATION

There are no amendments to the specification.
 Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section.

CLAIMS

There are no amendments to the claims.
 A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.